

Law Society of Upper Canada

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The Secretary,

The Law Society of Upper Canada,

Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

Dear Sir:

The Registrar of the University of Toronto has received several applications from students desiring to enter the Law Society at Osgoode Hall who have been referred to him by the Secretary of the Law Society.

According to section 103 (a) under "Admission to the Society" you will receive students who will bring matriculation certificates from one of the Universities, or who shall furnish to the satisfaction of the Legal Committee evidence that he is enrolled on the register and is entitled to proceed in regular course in any such University to a degree in the Faculty of Arts or of Law.

This rule involves us in difficulties for the following reasons: (1- Some six or seven years ago an arrangement was made by the various Universities of the Province of Ontario to transfer the holding of their matriculation examinations to the jurisdiction of a common Matriculation Board, which since then has issued certificates for Matriculation. That Board is entirely an Executive Board and carries out the instructions of the Universities which have been arrived at after an annual conference. The Board does not undertake

to appraise the value of external certificates and to give matriculation standing thereupon. But by common agreement also the Universities now hold in abeyance their power of granting matriculation certificates, and for this reason our Registrar cannot appraise the certificates brought to him and grant the matriculation certificate in accordance with his decision.

(2) The other condition on which you allow entrance by enrolment in a University involves us also in difficulties. The only proceeding that is possible to us in these circumstances is to examine the student's certificates, formally register him as a student in attendance at the University, charge him the regular registration fee, and if he registers late charge him the additional fees, which mount up rapidly. This procedure is entirely unsatisfactory to us because that student is not a bonafide student of the University though his name is on our books and if there is an accumulation of fees for late registration, which must be our procedure, we charge exorbitantly for making him a fictitious student.

The University is quite willing to be of any service that it can to the Law Society and would be glad to give a certificate saying what value would be accorded for the purposes of entering the University to the certificates which are presented, but the practice that we have recently had to follow in a few cases in order to meet your regulations is so unsatisfactory that we hope that you will be able to have them changed.

Yours sincerely,

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